

RCE/3677

**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	09/900,432
Filing Date	July 6, 2001
First Named Inventor	Shigenori Taga
Group Art Unit	3677
Examiner Name	Ho, Thomas Y.
Attorney Docket Number	44471-260840 (13700)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may file a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on **February 27, 2003**  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other

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**2. Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ Check in the amount of \$750.00 is enclosed for the following fees:
- i. ☒ RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e), REQUIRED when filing the RCE.
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17.
- b. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 11-0855

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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In re Application of:

Shigenori Taga

Serial No. 09/900,432

Filed: July 6, 2001

For: Drive Apparatus Of Trunk Lid  
Lock For Motor Vehicle

Art Unit: 3677

Examiner: Ho, Thomas Y.

SECOND RESPONSE

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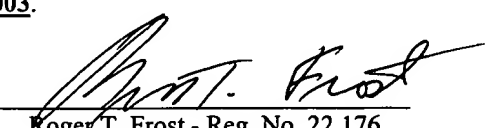
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Responsive to the Office Action dated November 29, 2002 in the patent application identified above, please enter the following amendments and reconsider that application in view of the appended remarks. This amendment is submitted in the revised format authorized by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in a Notice dated February 4, 2003.

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